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Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed February 17, 2011, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on May 17, 2011, Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely filed and no fee is required for its consideration. If any extensions of time are deemed necessary, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.